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SUBJECT: LIBYAN MEDIA REACTION TO ISRAELI INVASION OF SOUTHERN  
LEBANON

1. DURING PAST FEW DAYS LOCAL MEDIA REACTION TO ISRAELI  
INVASION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON HAS VACILLATED FROM EXPRESSIONS OF  
EXTREME HOSTILITY TOWARDS ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES TO  
SELF-FLAGELLATION OF THE ARABS. MARCH 17 EDITORIAL COMMENTARY  
DESCRIBED ISRAELI INVASION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON AS THE "FIFTH  
WAR" BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAEL. COMMENTARY EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION  
AT ARABS' HAVING TRIED PATIENCE, THROWING THEMSELVES INTO  
THE "LAP OF THIS OR THAT CAMP," AND ALLYING WITH THE WEST,  
INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, TO NO AVAIL. COMMENTARY STATED  
THAT ARABS HAD TRIED THE UNITED NATIONS, APPEALED TO  
AFRICAN, ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN FRIENDS, WORLD CONSCIENCE  
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AND PUBLIC OPINION WITH NO RESULTS. IT ASKED SARCASTICALLY  
WHAT HAS BECOME OF 130 MILLION ARABS AND THEIR WEALTH AND  
ARMIES WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL WITH ONLY  
3 MILLION PEOPLE. COMMENTARY THEN ATTACKED EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT  
SADAT FOR HIS ALLEGED SELLOUT OF ARABS TO THE UNITED STATES,  
AND CONCLUDED THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR ARAB MASSES TO OVERTHROW  
THE MODERATE ARAB REGIMES THAT SUPPORT U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY.

2. MARCH 18 DOMESTIC BROADCAST REPORTED "EXTENSIVE CONTACTS" OF LIBYAN FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI WITH ARAB AND OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS TO INFORM THEM OF LIBYA'S POSITION ON THE ISRAELI INVASION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON. LIBYA CALLED FOR THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES WITHOUT CONDITIONS AND THE SAFE-GUARDING OF THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AS ALLEGEDLY AGREED TO BY THE PLO AND THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT. THE LIBYANS ALSO ANNOUNCED THEIR REJECTION OF THE STATIONING OF UN FORCES IN THE AREA. MARCH 19 MEDIA ALSO REPORTED COMMUNIQUE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS WHICH REITERATES THIS POSITION.

3. THROUGH MOST OF LIBYAN COMMENTARY SINCE INVASION RUNS A NOTE OF FUTILITY AND FRUSTRATION NOT COMMON IN LIBYA'S ESPOUSAL OF UNTENABLE POSITIONS. DEJECTION APPEARS TO HAVE AFFECTED EVEN QADHAFI WHO HAS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED HIS DISENCHANTMENT WITH SISTERLY SYRIA'S FAILURE TO ACT (SEPTTEL).  
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